

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023

Present: C Brandreth (Chair), M Bayley, N Burns, R Burns (Vice-Chair), A Davies & Mrs. V Marchant (clerk)

35/23 Acceptance of Office

The councillors were welcomed to the meeting following an uncontested election and were asked to sign the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk who in turn witnessed their signed forms.

36/23 Election of Chair

Cllr R Burns nominated Cllr Craig Brandreth for the office of chair and this was seconded by Cllr Nathalie Burns.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr Craig Brandreth to the role of Chair.

37/23 Election of Vice Chair

The Chair proposed Cllr Russell Burns for the role of Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Davies.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr Russell Burns into the role of Vice Chair.

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: None

Absent: T Price, W Laverick, A Kolker

Public forum:

Two members of the public were present. The ongoing speeding along Twemlow Lane was raised as an issue. The narrowness of the railway bridge for two cars passing and the amount and size of HGV's crossing the railway bridge heading for the Dairy. **Action** – VM to contact Cheshire East regarding revisiting speed calming measures and to contact the new PCSO to highlight the issues.

The lack of signage regarding the road closure on Goostrey Lane at the station was also raised as an issue. **Action** – VM to contact Cheshire East to request additional signage.

38/23 Approve Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 7th March as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

39/23 Zoo for U

Ben from ZooforU attended to update on their progress. A recent planning application was rejected, however this will be amended and resubmitted shortly.

40/23 Matters from minutes

Christmas Lights – Cllr N Burns continues to make enquiries and is anticipating a site survey will take place within the next 6-8 weeks.

Sign for the green – Cllr Davies has created artwork for the proposed sign. Cllr Bayley will liaise with the blacksmith for a quote.

Planter for the Green – Cllr Brandreth has seen a suitable planter and will take photographs and make further investigations regarding a supplier.

41/23 Cheshire East Council report

Carried over in Cllr A Kolkers absence

42/23 Accounts

Balance of account – £5004.56

To authorise the following;

£68.82 CHALC annual membership
£214 Zurich Insurance
£30 Gary Roberts Auditor
£4344.00 Phone Box balance (paid)

Receipts

£1750 Precept 1st installment
£763.46 Vat Refund

Resolved – to approve the above payments

43/23 Dane Valley Footpath

Further discussions took place regarding the financing of the footpath. Whilst TPC can agree to make a contribution to the works they cannot make any assurances with regards to ongoing costs due to the low level of precept claimed. A direct approach to Harry Styles management for assistance with funding was discussed and agreed. **Action** – VM to contact Harry Styles management team.

Resolved – to contribute £500 towards the footpath improvement works

44/23 Speed watch

With increased speeding issues and lighter mornings/evenings the speed watch team will carry out further speed watch sessions. **Action** – AD to collect the speed gun loaned to us by Holmes Chapel PC.

45/23 Highways

In April two accidents were recorded – a car & van collided at Twemlow Green Junction and another cyclist sustained an injury on Forty Acres Lane

46/23 Damaged phone box/post box/defibrillator

The phone box has now been delivered to Twemlow and is being stored at Bidlea Dairy prior to installation. The council would like to thank Mr Brown for storing the phone box. **Action** – Cllr Burns will ready the concrete for installation of the phone box.

A resident has advised that through contact with the Royal Mail a post box will be reinstated.

47/23 Planning Applications

23/1714C Single storey extensions to existing agricultural building & 2 no. new detached single storey buildings to accommodate cheese processing/storage/plant room/ ice cream parlour/cafe including outdoor seating areas/toilet block & associated car parking (retrospective) THE ORCHARDS FARM, TWEMLOW LANE, HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE, CW4 8DS

The Parish Council has no objections

48/23 VAT Refund

The clerk has submitted the Vat Refund for 2022/2023 in the sum of £763.46

49/23 Annual Review – Register of Assets

Carried over to next meeting

50/23 Public inspection period for inspection of accounts

Resolved - The public inspection period (Notice of Public Rights) will be from the from Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 14th July 2023 inclusive. All information will be posted on the parish Council website and notice board.

51/23 Internal Audit

The Internal auditor's report for 2022/2023 was received and noted.

Following the review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, to approve the Clerk to complete Section 1 –Annual Governance Statement 2022 - 23 of the AGAR.

Resolved - The Chairman and the Clerk to sign to confirm compliance.

Internal Audit – section 2

To consider Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022-2023 of the AGAR, approve the Accounting Statements.

Resolved – The Chairman sign to confirm compliance.

52/23 Clerks report

Nothing additional to report

53/23 Chairman and members report

The Parish Council were saddened to learn of the passing of Councillor Les Gilbert and would like to pass on sympathies to his family.

AD attended the Brereton Police meeting and provided a report confirming the new PCSO is Amy Heath and the new PC is Laurence Price.

54/23 The next meeting will be held on the 4th July 2023 at 7pm at the Yellow Broom restaurant. The meeting was closed at 8.50pm